Learning Conversation Notes	
Name of Partner:	<b>Date:</b> May 24, 2005
CAPC – HomeFirst	
Number of Children Served:	<b>Ages</b> : 0 yr (20), 1 yr (52), 2 yr (43), 3 yr
217	(32), 4 yr (31), 5 yr (39)
When Served:	Gender: M-104 Ethnicity:
July 1, 2004 to Present	F -113 N. Amer. (6)
	Afr. Amer (2)
	Cauc. (85)
	Hispanic (113)
	BiRacial (11)

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#### **Outcomes:**

- 1. Families served will have the knowledge, skills and resources to raise their children in healthy environments conducive to reaching appropriate developmental milestones.
- 2. To sustain the skills parents learn in the program, parents served will share their childhood development knowledge and developmentally appropriate parenting practices with other families of 0-5 children independent of HomeFirst staff.
- **3.** The HomeFirst model will exist in the Kings Beach area.

#### **Performance Measures:**

- Demographics (number of 0-5 served by gender, age, and when services were provided).
- CAPC HomeFirst will utilize the Early Childhood Outcomes Screening Form with each child served
- Photos and Stories
- Survey of parents who have participated in leadership training to capture how parents have sustained their skills beyond involvement in the program and have shared this knowledge with other parents.
- Report on progress made in expanding HomeFirst to the Kings Beach area.

# What is this data telling us about achievement of outcomes?

33% of families served are Hispanic

General age of children being served is under 3.

48% of families are exhibiting higher ed. levels but are remaining near or under the poverty level

Indicator 1: Cared for, protected, and receiving the necessities of life

• 8 Improved, 23 stayed the same, and 2 have declined – declined due to renewed bad relationship causing reentry into foster care. The improvements reflect that the parents could provide for their children without CAPC in attendance

Ind. 11: At Home. Living in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment

- The majority of families look good. The failures mainly due to poor choices made by the parents. Approximately 33% of families are good, but just need a little bit of support to be able to continue making the good choices.
- Language barrier may be the cause of not being able to find the support needed, especially for the newly settled non-English speaking families
- Families that have substance abuse history show that 80% of their children had exposure.
- Data indicates that the families in the program are showing a definite impact with the family relationships and improved parent child bonding.
- At least 8 Home First Families have taken part in the FAST program- parent/child relationship program. Great care is given to make sure that families are linked to other support programs as needed. As a result these families are able to connect with other families to continue to build the informal support network. (At least 2 of 4 families)

Ind. 13: Participating in a learning environment with appropriate interactive enrichment activities.

- 12 improved, 20 stayed the same 1 declined
- Scores at intake were widely dispersed. At follow up, the scores are still dispersed but do show improvement.
- At least 4 of eleven kids have just walked away.
- Generally maintenance is considered a good thing.

Ind. 18: Experiencing a positive relationship with the child

- 20 are the same, 11 are improving, 2 have declined
- Incoming population indicates most families are doing ok.

Ind. 20: Parents satisfied with their knowledge and ability to foster the child's development

- 17 improved, 13 stayed the same and 3 declined
- We see more improvement on this screen than on the other screens. The trend up indicates the families are able to sustain their knowledge to foster their child's development as they leave the program

Overall there has been consistent improvement

## In what ways will we apply what we have learned from our data?

Scores validate the intent of the program. Families exit the program with greater skills.

Need to look at the indicator definitions, update them and develop consistency in interpretation

Explore pulling out data and analyzing and labeling by catchment areas

Break out data of families who really leave the program early

Develop a routine method for reviewing data with home visitors

Investigate the sources of referrals

# Other points that were made during the conversation:

Initial screen is taken at intake, then every 6 months or at closing

At last Learning Conversation 12% of families were in transitional housing, 30% of families are now in transitional housing

One graduate of the Home First Program has become a parent leader

Home visitors continue to deliver the First 5 message verbally along with the video.

Parent survey

- could have more questions geared to outcome
- provide a stamped self-addressed envelope for the survey
- provide a survey in Spanish

Case manager/Home visitor has been hired for Kings Beach

Unclear about long-term plan

KB is looking at other models for long-term plan, but details are not yet available.

All trainings have been made available to Kings Beach FRC and promoted other trainings Stability of families is directly tied to outcomes

### **Next Steps:**

Provide demographics as specified by the First 5 Contract

Email revisions on demographics and ethnicity

Check in with Mike in June to review current survey data and revise survey to measure the sustainability outcome more accurately

Revise the parent survey

- What they learned
- What they shared

Follow up items from last LC:

Find a way to track transportation access for participants

Find a way to assess successful and unsuccessful case closures

Incorporate baby sign language training

Invite staff/Commission to next Home First staff data conversation and to an actual home visit GIS mapping

Next learning conversation to be held October 18, 2005 1-4:30 pm